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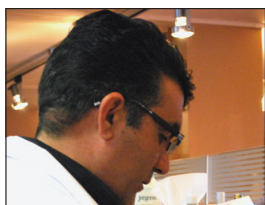
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## First town hall

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid addresses a resident at the town hall meeting at the Minden Community Centre on Saturday, Jan. 15. The meeting was an opportunity for the public to raise concerns with the council outside of the daytime council meeting. See page 3 for the story.

Darren Lum Times staff

# Tension builds at committee table

Issues arise with who was left off  
advisory committee lists

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

There was considerable tension in Minden Hills council chambers on Jan. 13 as councillors sought to establish the community advisory boards and committees for the new council term.

After a lengthy closed session between a committee of the whole meeting and a special council meeting, Reeve Barb Reid read off the long list of boards and committees and their potential members.

Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch quickly spoke up, saying she had an issue with the way committee selection was being handled. Murdoch told the room that Reid, Councillor Ken Redpath and Councillor-at-large Larry Clarke, who compiled the list, had been the only councillors to see the list of names before Wednesday.

"The turnaround time, to me, it not adequate," Murdoch said, adding that she had no concerns with the names on the list. "I have concerns with people who were left off the list. This is important. It's a four-year commitment."

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# Reid felt it wasn't appropriate to release list

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Pointing out that normally anything that is going to be discussed at meetings is received by councillors the Friday prior to a meeting, she called for the resolutions to be tabled until the council meeting at the end of the month to give councillors more time to go through the lists.

Clarke said the reason not all councillors had seen the list prior to Wednesday was because citizens had been applying to the committees up until late Monday afternoon. Councillor Brigitte Gall clarified that while she had not seen final copies of the list prior to Wednesday, she had been kept abreast of the names on it.

Councillor Jean Neville said she had not, only that she had had some discussion with department heads.

In the end, Clarke, Gall and Neville supported Murdoch's motion to table the item.

Redpath voted against the tabling motion and Councillor Lisa Schell was absent due to a family member's funeral.

Schell, however, had written a letter to council regarding her feelings on the committee selection process.

The letter reads: "I apologize for being unable to attend the meeting today, but unfortunately have to attend an out-of-town funeral.

"However, I would like to voice my concerns regarding the selection of committee members and feel that it is premature to be announcing the selected members today. The personnel committee, consisting of Barb Reid, Larry Clarke and Ken Redpath are the only members of council who have had an opportunity for input regarding who may or may not be chosen for the advisory committees.

"I understand that some discussion is to take place at today's meeting during closed session, but I do not believe that the whole of council has had enough opportunity to review who has applied. We only received the short list chosen by the personnel committee yesterday afternoon via email. I believe council as a whole should have this discussion and all members of council be given the opportunity for input regarding all applicants for said committees.

"I would request that the resolution not be passed today, but be held during the regular meeting of council on January 27, 2011, after all members of council have had an opportunity to review the applications and had sufficient input."

The list was not included in the meeting's press package

and when the *Times* requested a copy of the list from the township, the paper was told it would only release the document with the permission of the reeve.

Reid told the *Times* she did not feel it was appropriate to release the list until after it had been finalized, since there could be changes to list made before council's next meeting on Jan. 27 and to represent people as being on committee when they are not would be inappropriate.

The list was read publicly a second time at the town hall meeting on Saturday, Jan. 15.

The list, which is only a recommendation and will likely have changes made to it at the next meeting, follows this article.

Historically, these committees have been chaired by members of the public and the bylaw surrounding their creation has stipulated that two members of council be on each committee or board. Some proposed committees do not have two council members as they stand.

Murdoch has expressed concern the township could be in violation of its own bylaw.

The committees and boards remain in effect until November of 2014.

**Planning and Development** – Cheryl Murdoch – Chair  
Walter Reed, Jeanne Anthon, Gary Stoner, Abby Xerri, Shirley Jones, Kate Hall, Larry Clarke

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Robert Chambers, Alan Scriven, Case Bassie, Larry Grigg, Rick Ashall, Brian Barker

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Walter Reed, Doug Aldworth, Barry Thompson, Bill Robinson, Abby Xerri, Jay Garbutt\*

\*Resource person but not a committee member

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Barb Phillips, Mike Janetakes, Sandra Bradley

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Jeff Hancock, Anne Marie Hancock, Barry Simmons

**Lochlin Community Centre** – Chair TBD  
Jane Leavis, Rick Ratcliff, Paula Reid, Linda Schrader, Leitha Grexton, Susan Little, Helen Burke, John Legemaate, Rennie Legemaate

**Gelert Community Centre** – Chair TBD  
Harold Harvie, Emily Harvie, Terry Lynn Carr, Gala Newell, Bruce Shephard, Rae Shephard, Sarah Reid

**Cultural Centre** – Brigitte Gall – Chair  
Pam Smith, Ross Rigney, Michael Fay, Wendy Wood, Tammy Rea, Steve Smith

**Community Engagement** – Brigitte Gall – Chair  
Jeanne Anthon, Heather Ross, Kevin Humphrey, Sally Moore, Kate Hall

**Youth** – Brigitte Gall – Chair  
Joanna Penfold, Michelle Moore, Angie Horner, Sandra Bradley, Kim Switzer

**Roads** – Ken Redpath – Chair  
Bill Obee, Jerry Harrison, Michael Wahlroth, Glen Alford, Glen Sharp\*

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**Crime fiction gets its dues**

**Coles'Notes**  
Catherine Coles  
Bronson Services Library

Back in October, the *Globe and Mail* reported on the Toronto International Festival of Authors, a yearly 11-day-long literary event that brings together internationally gifted contemporary writers for readings, interviews, lectures and public book signings.

The author found that, to his surprise, crime fiction was at the center of attention.

While successful crime writers have never had any trouble making money, or generating a large and dedicated following of readers, crime fiction has never been a favorite among "literary snobs."

Quebec author Louise Penny, writer of the famous

**Buddy Holly**

Buddy Holly Lives show comes to the Northern Lights Pavilion in Haliburton on Feb. 3.

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By Merv Buchanan

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## Upside-down cement truck near Irondale

Colin Robinson, the driver of the cement truck seen here, lost a battle between snow and slippery conditions when he slipped off the road on Highway 503 on Jan. 18 at approximately 1 p.m. Robinson suffered no injuries from the single vehicle accident.

Angelica Blenich Times staff



# Residents bring questions to public meeting

**Darren Lum**

Staff reporter

Minden is presenting itself as open for business with its first town hall meeting held at the Minden Community Centre on Saturday, Jan. 15.

With some 50 people in attendance, there were several residents who got the opportunity to ask questions and share feelings with members of the municipality.

The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the new council, department heads and staff to the public.

It also gave residents who are not able to attend the daytime council meetings an opportunity for an open forum for discussion, newly elected Reeve Barb Reid said.

There were few exchanges at the meeting that caused any tension, save for an exchange between Reid and Lois Rigney, a long-time proponent of the area and wife of former reeve Ross Rigney.

Rigney questioned council's work on economic development, specifically Canadian Tire.

She questioned the perceived lack of aggression for getting Canadian Tire to build and open a store, which she thought was present with the previous two councils.

Reid, who was firm in her response, said she was taking the recent recommendation of former Reeve Jim McMahon for a hands-off approach to not scare away Canadian Tire.

"They know they are wanted here," she said.

She added, as far as she knew, Canadian Tire still owns the property for the approved site plan from 2007 and hasn't given any indication it is not coming.

Rigney also questioned the "secret" inauguration that was held on Dec. 6, just days before the official event.

Reid was quick to defend council noting that the previous council's term had expired Nov. 30.

Rigney also questioned the recommended list of the personnel committee's membership that all come from Ward 2 of Minden and whether it is a proper cross-section of Minden Hills.

She said Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch would have been ideal with her experience negotiating union contracts, but was not included on the draft list for the personnel committee.

"Lois, thank you very much for your question," Reid said. "We're not here to talk about individuals and about why decisions had been made so I thank you for that."

There were also questions about how long chief administrative officer Gerry Morrison would be on leave. His medical leave is defined as "indefinite."

Reid pointed out that staff employees' benefits include 17 weeks of eligibility and has the option of returning or applying for long-term medical leave after that period expires.

While an employee is on leave, his or her salary and the decision about whether an



**Don Simmer suggested the municipality track issues by file number at the public town hall meeting in Minden Jan. 15. There were about 50 in attendance.**

employee can stay on leave is the responsibility of the insurance company.

"The municipality is not involved in any decision making as to the legitimacy of someone's medical leave," she said.

The interim CAO John Rogers was in attendance and said he loved the area. Morrison has been on leave since Nov. 29.

Minden's past decision to not install solar panels on the Minden Community Centre and Minden Curling Club buildings on Dec. 9 and to not take advantage of the province's microFIT tariff was questioned by an Eagle Lake resident.

Reid pointed out that alternate power generation such as wind turbines and specifically solar paneling are more complicated than just installation and connecting to the hydro grid.

There have been documented cases of structural issues arising from the weight of the panels, which could lead to damage and added costs, Reid said.

There is also an "element of political risk" involved, she added, referring to the chance that the incentive rate of 70 cents kw/h may disappear, as the result of a lack of funds or a change in government direc-

tion over time.

"Where's that money coming from? Because you and I are paying 12 cents kw/h so that subsidy is coming from our provincial tax dollars," she said.

"I don't think it means we're anti-green. We need to understand what it means," she said, referring to the full picture of alternate power generation. "Yes, we have a desire to pursue practices that are sustainable and environmentally sound."

Minden resident Al Mayo complained that it is hard to find the entrance of the library and that the building needs better signage and lighting.

Council acknowledged the problem and said there is a plan for the library and the entire cultural centre, which will add signage and additional lighting later this year.

Council is considering "file numbers" after a recommendation by Dan Simmer, who believes this type of tracking for any issue or concern presented to the municipality will better serve the community.

Reid believes this will also allow for better follow-up.

Although Reid read the names of those

proposed for council committees aloud, she defended her decision not to release a hard copy of the committees to the media.

"It's not that we don't want to ... it would be inappropriate to issue something that is not final," she said.

The finalization of the committees would be decided, she said, at the council meeting on Jan. 27.

Reid, who expects to hold four or five town hall meetings a year, depending on interest, expected 10 people and was pleasantly surprised by some 50 that showed up on a snowy Saturday morning.

The next town hall meeting will be focused on the budget and is scheduled for late April.

"The purpose of that meeting is not to discuss what's in the budget, or the changing of the budget, it's [for people to ask,] 'tell me how this part of the budget works? Why do we have to spend money on this? Why are we doing that?' It's a chance to really have a conversation about what the budget looks like," she said.

For any other ideas that want to be presented, Reid said, it should be submitted beforehand to clerk Cheryl McCarroll.



# Township mum on interim CAO pay

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Minden Hills township is not revealing how much it's paying its new interim chief administrative officer.

Councillors voted to hire John Rogers, a lawyer, former CAO and mayor, following a closed session of council on Dec. 9 and the execution of the services agreement with Rogers was recommended for approval by council at its Jan. 13 committee of the whole meeting.

However, just how much that services agreement is costing the township remains to be seen.

When asked about Rogers's fee, Reeve Barb Reid told the *Times*, "the terms of the service agreement were discussed in closed session, so I'm not at liberty to release the details."

How much the township is paying for any given contract is normally public information.

Reid said council would have to vote to release the information and she didn't think any municipality was required to provide the salaries of specific individuals.

The province's ministry of municipal affairs said while the province provides rules as to what constitutes closed meeting criteria – generally personal information about an identifiable individual, property acquisition, or legal matters – it is largely the discretion of local councils when they will close a meeting.

Ministry spokeswoman Andrea Kelly said that all municipalities in the province should have an appointed closed session investigator to make sure meeting rules are being followed. If this is not the case, she said the Ontario Ombudsman fills the posi-



Left, Minden Hills Township Reeve Barb Reid and interim CAO John Rogers share a laugh after the town hall meeting event at the Minden Community Centre on Saturday, Jan. 15.  
**Darren Lum** Times staff

tion.

Reid said previous council decided when that rule came into effect in 2008 to stick with the services of the provincial ombudsman.

While Minden Hills does not have such an investigator, applications can be made through the township's website. The township can also appoint an integrity commissioner and lobby registry.

There was no tendering process for the hiring of Rogers and Reid said the township

sole-sourced the contract because it was an emergency situation, as is permitted under the township's purchasing policy.

It defines an emergency as a situation where immediate acquisition of goods or services is essential to prevent serious delays or maintain minimum services within the township.

Reid said the fact CAO Gerry Morrison had taken indefinite sick leave beginning Nov. 29 constituted such a case, since senior staff had told council there were many

outstanding personnel and legal issues to deal with.

Rogers is an acquaintance of Reid.

Reid was asked if she thought withholding this information was fair to taxpayers.

"The details of the interim CAO's contract were discussed in closed session," Reid responded. "The rules of a closed session are that any information discussed in closed is to be kept confidential."

## Lochlin Community Centre to get new water system

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

It looks like the Lochlin Community Centre is getting a new drinking water system.

At a Jan. 13 committee of the whole meeting, councillors recommended that the township proceed with the purchase a new ultraviolet system for the centre.

The present ultraviolet lamp is too small to provide adequate protection, Minden Hills property and environment manager Peter Brown wrote in his report.

Bringing the centre's drinking water system up to standards is a requirement of the province.

"We can't back out of this," Brown told councillors. "This is a requirement."

The systems typically cost between \$4,000 and \$6,000.

The well at the centre also requires a new lid, which should run the township about \$500.

The centre has been on boil-water advisory in the past and that is currently the situation at the community centre in Gelert.

That system may require more work and will likely need to undergo an evaluation process and Reeve Barb Reid said "it needs to be debated in the context of the future of that hall."

Councillor Jean Neville commented that people who use the Gelert hall simply bring their own bottled water and wondered what was wrong with simply continuing that practice.

"All it takes is one person to not know the rules," Brown said. "I don't think there's any way around this."

The recommendation must be approved at a regular council meeting.

## Council looking at Irondale church as a municipal historical resource

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

The Irondale Historical Society continues to seek the help of Minden Hills township as it strives to preserve the Irondale church.

Councillors had a visit from society member Carol Simmons, who was looking to have council pass a bylaw to recognize the church as a municipal historical resource, at their Jan. 13 committee-of-the-whole meeting.

St. John's Anglican Church was closed by the diocese last summer due to a shrinking population and difficult economic times.

Former Snowdon reeve and Irondale

resident George Simmons visited council in the fall, asking councillors to think about having the township buy the building and its property, valued at approximately \$50,000.

Councillors didn't think this was a possibility.

The society is now in talks with the diocese to purchase the church and its land, which may go up on the market.

"It could be levelled," Simmons said.

They said having the church designated as a historical resource would help the society in their negotiations.

Council referred the matter to staff for more information.

The church was built by pioneer Charles Pusey in 1887.



# Pharmacies struggle with changes

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Area pharmacists say they are struggling to deal with the sweeping legislative changes introduced to the province's pharmacies last year.

The changes, which came into effect last July, are being implemented in stages and are eliminating what are referred to as professional allowances, or monies drug companies pay to pharmacists to carry their products.

Professional allowances on both generic and brand name drugs will be eliminated by the spring of 2013.

"Definitely, the effects are significant," said Peter Meraw, who co-owns Minden Pharmasave with Richard Smith.

Meraw, who had feared the changes might put his business under, led the local protest against the legislation last spring.

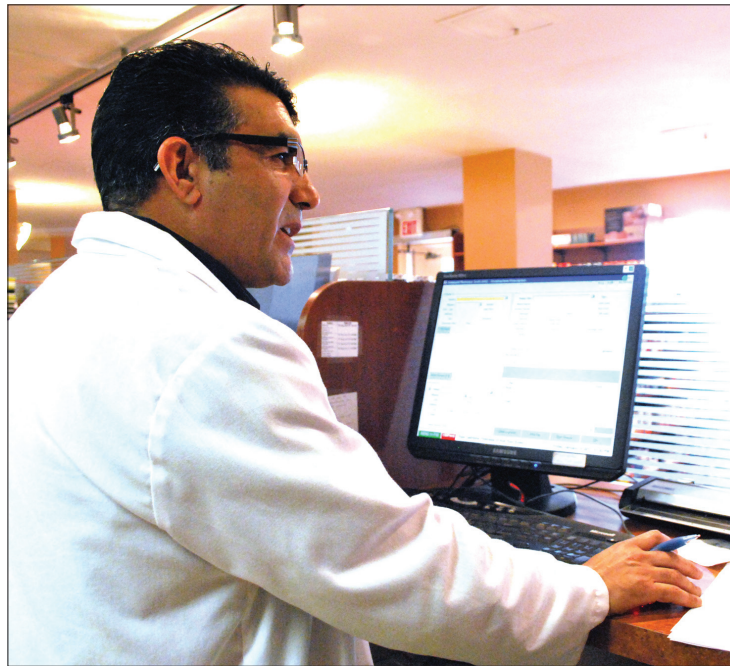
And he's had to make some changes.

For one, he and Smith have had to lay off a few staff members.

For another, his pharmacy has had to increase its dispensing fees.

The province used to pay pharmacies a dispensing fee of \$7. These fees were increased to help offset the money lost from professional allowances. In Minden, because of its location and its number of pharmacies, this amount was increased to \$9. Meraw and Smith have increased these fees additionally to help deal with the financial pinch.

When the changes came into effect in July,



Khosrow Eshkour talks to a customer at his pharmacy in Kinmount. Eshkour had to cut the salaries of his employees to deal with the pharmacy legislation the province introduced last year and which will be phased in over three years.

**Chad Ingram**  
Times staff

such an expansive makeover.

While he's not laid off any staff or increased dispensing fees [in Kinmount they were increased to \$10], he did cut the salaries of his pharmacists, which he said was very difficult for him to do.

"They all have families and they all need the jobs to survive," he said.

Eshkour and Meraw both pointed to the fact the province had promised to introduce additional services, such as the administration of vaccines, for pharmacists to perform, as well as making changes that would allow pharmacists to charge for services they already perform.

So far, they said, nothing has come of this promise.

"We haven't seen any of it," Eshkour said, adding the province also said it would help with prescription delivery services in rural Ontario. "We haven't seen that."

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Rick Johnson said a committee of pharmacists from throughout the province submitted a list of recommendations regarding enhanced services for pharmacists to the health ministry in the fall.

"The ministry says they are reviewing those recommendations," Johnson said, but added he couldn't say when the changes might be implemented.

The province made the changes to reduce its large drug bill and Johnson said the money it will save is being reinvested into the health-care system and will help to provide access to more types of medications.

professional allowances on generic drugs were immediately cut in half. Meraw said that meant their inventory of generic drugs dropped by several tens of thousands of dollars overnight.

Meraw said the changes, while challenging, had not made things as dire as he'd initially thought and that he was no longer concerned the pharmacy would have to close.

He and Smith have also purchased a robot for their store, which, by counting and sort-

ing pills, will take some of the pressure off what has become an overburdened staff.

The massive cut in professional allowances also hit hard for the Kinmount Pharmacy, owned by Khosrow Eshkour.

"The changes were too quick and too drastic for small communities," he said.

In 2009, Eshkour finished a complete renovation on his pharmacy and said if he'd known earlier the legislative changes were coming, he would not have gone ahead with

## Winterfest pulls in \$50,000

**Jenn Watt**  
Editor

To Alan Clark it was like winning the lottery.

The \$50,000 announced by the Ontario Trillium Foundation Jan. 13 for the county's senior winter games assured the organizing committee's chairperson that the event just one month away would run smoothly.

"Six dollars is the most I've ever won at the lottery," Clark told the crowd at Thursday's announcement at the Winterfest office in Haliburton.

"I like this feeling. I can tell you ... we have won the lottery. This is the difference between the financial success of our games and failure, the artistic success or failure. We can't fail for the community. We have too much invested in this."

The money was presented to Clark by Trillium Foundation volunteer Klara Oyler, who said the games would bring at least 900 new people to the Highlands for the games Feb. 15 to 17.

"And to support that, the foundation has provided the organizing committee with a \$50,000 grant to ensure the success of the games and to engage our community through volunteerism, making Halibur-

ton County a stellar host for the games," she said.

Liberal MPP Rick Johnson was also at the announcement, complimenting both the Trillium Foundation and the Winterfest organizing committee for the roles they play in bettering the Haliburton community.

"I think this is just another piece of the puzzle that's going to make this a fabulous event for Haliburton and I really look forward to being up here and taking part as a spectator," he said.

General manager of Winterfest, Myke Malone, estimated that 40 hours went into the application process for the grant, which ensures the county's taxpayers won't foot any of the bill for the games.

The county of Haliburton had to underwrite the games, promising to pay any deficit incurred.

Without this grant, Clark said, "we would have had to scramble ... and found cuts somewhere."

Clark pointed out that the games are sure to bring a strong economic boost to the Highlands with 870 registered participants, non-participants and district coordinators along with 60 people coming from out of town to help with services such as transportation.

The games will last three days and two nights, though hundreds are staying longer

than the allotted time for the closing ceremonies on the third evening.

"When you think about over 900 people arriving in Haliburton County in the middle of the week, in the middle of the winter, it really does not get much better than that. Even more important than that, the success of our games is also the success of the games in the future. What we're presenting is just the tip of the iceberg," Clark said.

A record 27 districts will be participating in this year's games with athletes coming from

Windsor, Thunder Bay, Timmins and Niagara Falls, among other places.

Organizers hope that the games will give people an introduction to Haliburton County as a place to visit in other seasons as well.

"We'll get them thinking 'wow, what a great place to visit,'" during other seasons, communications co-chairperson for the committee, Mike Jaycock said.

U-Links will be conducting a study during the games to evaluate the economic impact of Winterfest on Haliburton County.



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## A challenge

THERE WAS A BIT of a scuffle among Minden Hills councillors last week, with some council members expressing concern that only three members of council had had input on the names that appeared on the recommended lists for community advisory boards and committees.

One councillor said she also had concerns about individuals who had applied but been left off those lists.

The makeup of these advisory groups – which will be in place for this term of council – should be the decision of council as a whole. Multiple people sit on each of these boards and committees, so there is simply no reason why councillors can't compromise to see that the individuals they feel strongly about are placed in these groups.

No reason.

Also, refusing to provide the press with copies of a public document, any public document, ever, in no way constitutes transparency.

Refusing to share with taxpayers how much they are paying for a particular service does not constitute transparency either.

It comes nowhere close, in fact.

Typically, the price the township pays on any contract is made public knowledge.

The taxpayers of Minden Hills deserve to know how much they are paying for their interim chief administrative officer. There is no justifiable reason why this information should be kept confidential. Its release would not jeopardize the security of the township in any way. Taxpayers deserve to know how much they are paying for this service.

Right now, they're buying something without knowing the price.

I don't know about you, dear readers, but that's not how I do my shopping.

Transparency, which I'm pretty sure the people of Minden Hills were promised during the recent election campaign, should not be applied on a selective basis.

All it takes for the information to be made public is a vote by council in open session. I challenge Minden Hills councillors to come through on their talk of transparency and make the details of the interim CAO contract known to the people who are paying for it.



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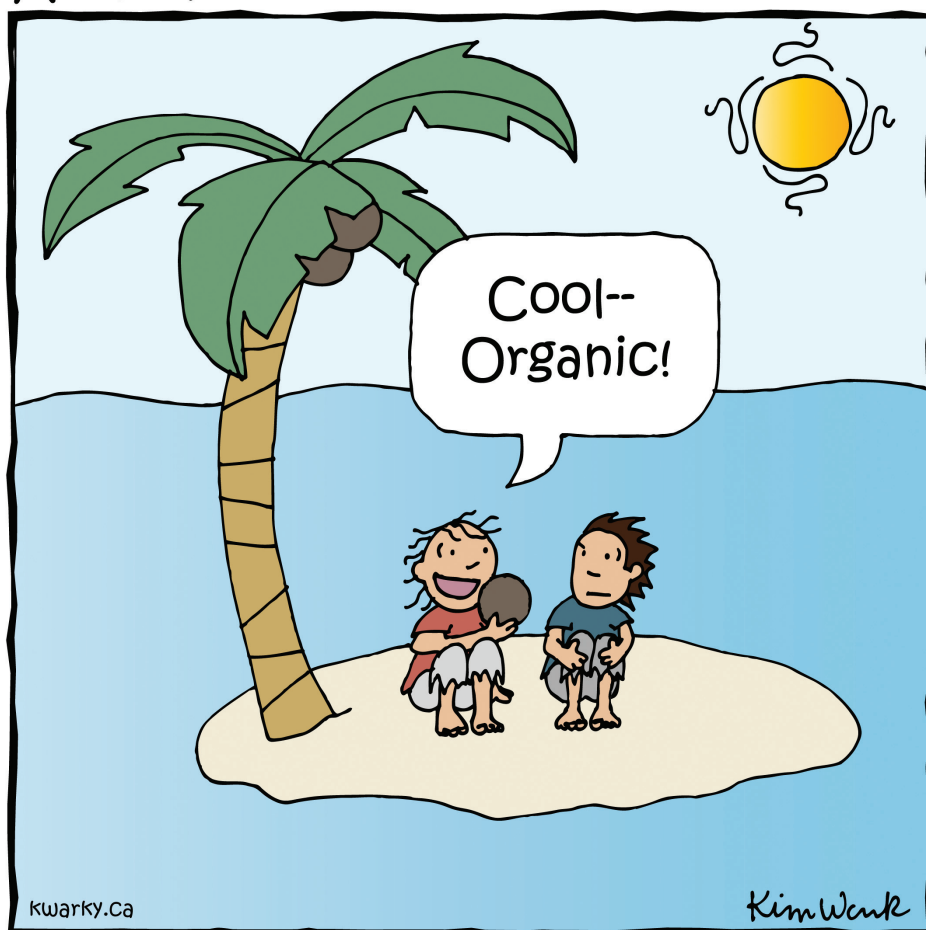
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letters to the editor

## Ministry of Health incentives to lure doctors aren't enough

To the Editor,

I read the editorial about relaxing doctors' requirements, by Chad Ingram in the Dec. 15 edition of the *Minden Times*.

In his article, Mr. Ingram addressed the shortage of doctors and the possible solution of introducing foreign trained doctors to meet the growing needs of rural Canadians. Mr. Ingram puts forth that the province should relax their certification process for foreign doctors who would not otherwise qualify for accreditation by the current standards set for health care in Canada. Mr. Ingram also suggests that "doctors who can practise to some degree are better than no doctor at all."

We are facing a critical shortage of doctors, but rather than simply plugging the hole, we need to consider why health-care professionals are not choosing to practise in rural areas. Mr. Ingram suggests that providing partial funding to cover the costs of medical school would entice more students to consider practising medicine. This incentive had been in place through the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care until June 4, 2010 and has been replaced with the Northern and Rural

Recruitment and Retention Initiative which offers grants ranging from \$80,000 to \$117,000 over four years for doctors establishing full-time practices in underserved (rural) areas. Other incentives include coverage for practice set up, medical equipment, professional fees and relocation expenses. Despite these enticements, it seems that doctors prefer to practise in large urban settings and often choose to practise in hospitals where they do not have to invest and maintain their own practice. This has the result of increased earning potential which is one major reason why Canadian doctors are also lured south of the border. Just as we want to encourage our own medical professionals to remain here to practise, bringing in foreign doctors drains other countries of their own valuable health-care resources.

We have feasible ways to meet the primary health-care needs of our population that are cost effective and offer the Canadian public the opportunity to receive care from professionals who are educated in Canadian health care. Nurse practitioners (NPs) have proven

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# points of view

## Who nose?

**S**CIENTISTS HAVE RECENTLY reconsidered their take on another one of the truly important questions of our time. Now they believe that the big noses possessed by Neanderthals helped them evolve in warm climates rather than cold, as was previously thought.

This new and revolutionary idea is based entirely on their nostril size. You see, while the old theory suggested that those big Neanderthal noses were meant to heat up cold air before it was passed to the lungs, researchers now agree that the associated nostril diameter doesn't support this idea. Instead, they've concluded, those nostrils were more appropriately sized for much warmer climates.

As a desperate humour columnist, I could care less. All I know is that Neanderthals had big noses.

Big noses are funny.

Here, in a nutshell, lies the differ-

ence in the two professions. Researchers are using this information to determine Neanderthal origins; meanwhile humourists are wondering what this meant when they were in a crowded cave and someone let out a big old Neanderthal fart.

No matter; these thoughts are not mutually exclusive.

For instance, could this sort of thing, which I assume happened often after woolly mammoth chili night, have prevented them from breeding, therefore leading to their eventual demise?

Never mind that. If you were a short Neanderthal, was it hard keeping your nose out of everyone else's business? These are things that I, as a desperate humour columnist, think of as I lie awake at night in the fetal position.

Here we have a branch of our ances-

try, who we are told shares more than 99 per cent of our DNA, with a real, honest to goodness conundrum – huge noses and no plastic surgeons.

While it might be merely scientifically interesting, this information is pure gold for a humour writer. How do Neanderthals smell, you ask? Funny, that's how.

The only thing that would be better is if researchers discovered that they had big floppy ears or rectal ports that whistled like a tea kettle when they passed wind. Give me that last part and

I'll coast through the remainder of my career.

Of course, I'm just not that lucky. Though I do have good days, mostly I make the same sounds as everyone else.

Getting back to Neanderthals, I can't

help but feel some empathy for them. You see, I have noticeably undersized nostrils myself. Luckily, I'm shorter than most so only grade school kids tease me.

This problem, of course, is because my ancestors, the Maltese, evolved in a hot climate. It is not, as some have suggested, due to excessive nose hair.

The point here is that we all have our crosses to bear, no matter where we stand on the evolutionary table. I'm sure that elephants or anteaters aren't exactly happy with the proboscis they were given. And, personally, I'd be happier if my nose hair was a bit more shiny and manageable.

The fact is if you were a Neanderthal, you had a big nose but small nostrils. So what? It's certainly not ideal. But, it was something you just had to learn to live with. After all, you can't pick your nose.

*TheOutdoorLife@aol.com*



**Steve Galea**  
Beyond 35

## Reynard pulls the trigger

**A**ND NOW, at last, it has come to this. The animals are shooting back.

Out here on Sapsucker Ridge, it comes as no surprise. The Brown Dog Jiggs reports rumours that the deer have formed a white-tail militia.

They've been holding close-order drills at the back of the Walker farm. One of them bought a drum and you can hear it thumping away at night, keeping them in step.

At first, the deer let a partridge do the drumming, but they had difficulty keeping up, or so it was reported to The Brown Dog, who keeps track of all of the comings and goings in the woods.

There are said to be crates of .303 rifles and ammunition hidden near the Kernohan gravel pit, but the deer still haven't figured out how to shoulder arms, seeing as how they need all of their legs just for walking.

Just to the south of us, the turkeys are said to be gobbling about grenades. Next time you surprise a bunch of them in the Coltman hayfields and the flock explodes into the trees, the explosions may be real.

But Europe, is so often the case, is ahead of us. A fox has shot a hunter.

With the hunter's gun; the fox wasn't packing heat.

This is in Belarus, which is a kind of hangnail republic on the toe of what used to be the old Soviet Union. It lives in a kind of totalitarian bubble. News of Stalin's demise has barely reached Grodno, where the shooting takes place.

But foxes have no interest in politics, or least they never used to. Now that they've taken up study of the law to defend themselves against charges of chicken thievery, can politics be far behind?

If it ever gets to court, the Belarus fox, whose name may be Reynard, may try a defence of justifiable legicide. Now, everything I have written so far was just made up; what you are about to read is the truth. At least, it was reported as the truth.

Near Grodno, a hunter shoots a fox from a distance. Either wounds or stuns him. Nobody's sure because the fox doesn't stay around for an interview.

When the hunter approaches for a closer look, or perhaps to take the pelt, he sees that Reynard is not yet deceased.

Now, Jiggs says this next part is where the huntsman gets exactly what he deserves. Instead of dispatching his victim humanely with a single shot, he tries to beat Reynard to death with his rifle butt.

The fox objects and, during the discussion that follows, shoots his assailant in the leg. The man goes to hospital. Reynard flees the scene of the crime, so his wound must be superficial.

Here is exactly how a state prosecutor describes the confrontation:

"The animal fiercely resisted and, in the struggle, accidentally pulled the trigger with its paw."

Accidentally? I think not. This might be the start of an animal uprising. Reynard was lying in wait for his nemesis. There can be no other explanation.

Consider. At first, Reynard is so severely wounded that he lies there waiting for his adversary to get within clubbing distance. Then, having pulled the trigger, he makes a miraculous recovery and scampers off into the sunset.

There is something suspicious about

this narrative, but then a good deal of what comes out of Belarus is suspicious. Did the prosecutor get the fox's side of the story?

I know little about rifles, but wouldn't you be inclined to put on the safety before you used yours as a club? Did the fox take off the safety just before it pulled the trigger?

Did the hunter just make up this story to avoid a charge of careless use of a firearm, which is what this sounds like? Couldn't the rifle have discharged when the butt hit a rock or stump?

Or maybe not, for there is a whiff of revolution in the air. The animals have had enough. First, a tiger mounts a vendetta against the villagers in a remote Siberian community and somebody writes a book about it.

Now Reynard goes on a shooting rampage in Belarus. Is there a conspiracy afoot?

*A collection of Neil Campbell's columns, Cell Phones and Sap Buckets, is available in stores across Haliburton County.*



**Neil Campbell**  
Back of Beyond

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# letters

## Two more Mindenites join ride for cancer in June

To the Editor,

Your Dec. 29 publication included an article about Craig Birchall's participation in the June 2011 Ride to Conquer Cancer between Toronto and Niagara Falls.

The purpose of this letter is simply to inform you that my wife Susan and I have also signed up for this event, so

Minden will be well represented at the ride.

We look forward to meeting up with Craig for this important contribution to cancer research.

John Sloan  
Minden



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## We can benefit from nurse practitioners

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to provide quality health care, are highly qualified and cost taxpayers significantly less than physicians. Many people may not realize that NPs have graduated as registered nurses (generally with a BScN.), have practised for a minimum of two years and have then continued their education to receive a Master's degree (generally another two to three year program).

Rural citizens expect, and deserve quality health care. Increased care provided by nurse practitioners is one way we can meet the specific health-care needs of Canadians in ways that are cost effective and make the best use of the health-care resources we have.

Andrea Thurston  
Minden

## Easier to distinguish trail enforcement personnel

The OPP and Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) unveiled a new S.T.O.P. (Snowmobile Trail Officer Patrol) logo as the OPP and OFSC jointly promoted Provincial Snowmobile Safety Week at OPP general headquarters last week. Provincial Snowmobile Safety Week runs from Jan. 16 to 22.

Snowmobilers will now find it easier to distinguish a volunteer S.T.O.P. officer from an OPP officer on OFSC trails this winter. The new logo will be worn on S.T.O.P. officers' snowmobile suits or patrol vests.

"The joint efforts of the OPP and our S.T.O.P. program partners are key to snowmobile safety," said Chief Superintendent Bill Grodzinski, Commander, OPP Highway Safety Division. "We are highly committed to ensuring that snowmobiling remains a safe and fun recreational sport in Ontario and our collaborative efforts with the our partner the OFSC are an important part of that commitment," he added.

"The OPP's leadership and expertise in safety is important to the effectiveness of our S.T.O.P. program, and we will continue to work together to make Ontario among the safest provinces for snowmobile enthusiasts," said OFSC Executive Director Paul Shaughnessy.

Ontario's snowmobile trails are patrolled by OPP Detachment Members, OPP S.A.V.E. (Snow Machine, All Terrain Vehicle and Vessels Enforcement) teams in partnership with S.T.O.P. officers. The S.T.O.P. program is a community-based enforcement program carried out through a partnership between the OPP and the OFSC.

S.T.O.P. officers are OFSC volunteers who earn appointment as special constables and designation as Provincial Offences Officers. This provides them with the authority to enforce the Motorized Snow Vehicles Act on OFSC prescribed trails. While they perform their duties with an OPP officer much of the time, they can operate unsupervised if fully trained. Off the trails, S.T.O.P. officers provide education and awareness about snowmobile safety in Ontario.







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### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Minden Hills Municipal Cultural Plan

The Township of Minden Hills is seeking proposals from qualified consultants to develop an actionable Municipal Cultural Plan as a component of the economic development strategy for the Township of Minden Hills.

The Municipality views a municipal cultural plan as an effective planning tool as well as a tool to leverage the resources of the arts and cultural community to provide input to and assist with community decisions, initiatives, and investment in infrastructure. The plan will recognize that art, heritage and culture enrich the lives of residents and visitors, and it will support and enhance community life, municipal planning processes and economic development initiatives.

Interested applicants should send an email to culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca with RFP in the subject line to request a copy of the full Request for Proposals document. The RFP document can also be downloaded from the Minden Hills website at www.mindenhills.ca.

**Deadline to apply is January 28 at 4 pm**

Inquiries can be directed to Daniela Pagliaro, Minden Hills Cultural Centre director, 705-286-2808.



### Road Works, by Diana Hillman

**January 6 - January 29, Agnes Jamieson Gallery**  
Hillman's interpretation of Canadian landscape is most accurate for today as it is taken from the car window, capturing a moody, dreary and evocative imagery of highways. These representations are views seen through what photographer Annie Liebowitz has called it "the ready-made picture frame of the car window." While Hillman often paints more traditional landscapes, and other subjects, she is very interested in the impact that the automobile has had on our surroundings. She often finds an eerie beauty in these road-scapes.

### Scaredy Squirrel - Family Literacy Day January 27 at 7pm, R.D. Lawrence Place

Children and families will laugh at the adventures of Scaredy Squirrel as Ron Evans and a puppeteer share this much beloved tale on Family Literacy Day.

## Meetings and Events

January 27th: 9am Council Meeting  
January 27th: 7pm Family Literacy Day, R.D. Lawrence Place  
February 10th: 9am Committee of the Whole



**Attention: Aggregate, Truck & Equipment Owners**  
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### Aggregate Material

If you are interested in supplying material for the year 2011 Please submit a detailed price list indicating the various aggregate products in a sealed envelope to:

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### Attention: Kevin Hill, CRS-S Road Superintendent

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### NOTICE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to Section 34(1) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 2001, S.O. 2001 c.25 as amended, that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on **THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2011** at the hour of 9:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

1. File No. SRA-10-05

Applicant – **HARTLEY: Rebecca and Michael**

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of South Beaver Lake, lying in front of Lot 21, Concession 3, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1 & 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-9222, registered November 26, 2010.

2. File No. RA-01

Applicant – **HARTLEY: Rebecca and Michael**

Part of the original road allowance between Lots 20 and 21, Concession 3, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Parts 3 and 4 on a Plan of Survey 19R-9222, registered November 26, 2010.

3. File No. SRA-10-12

Applicant – **DAL BELLO: Olinda**

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Soyers Lake, lying in front of Lot 26, Concession 9, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-9220, registered November 19, 2010.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

**AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE** that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

**DATED AT THE** Township of Minden Hills, this 12th day of January, 2010.

Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM, ACST  
Planning Administrator

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# True volunteer spirit lives in Haliburton

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

There was nothing but applause and laughter at the fifth annual Business and Community Achievement Awards Gala held at the Pinestone Resort in Haliburton on Saturday, Jan. 15.

Thanks to the wit, at times biting, but sprinkled with innocence of the event's master of ceremonies Mike Jaycock the audience was often simultaneously laughing and cringing.

Despite Jaycock's repertoire of verbal skills, he could not bring the audience to its feet like this year's Highlander of the Year winner.

When former NHL referee Scotty Morrison was announced as this year's recipient of the award, he received a standing ovation at the gala organized by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

"When my dear wife was coming down with Alzheimer's and very good friends in Toronto said to me, 'Scotty, Joan is coming down with Alzheimer's and you're staying in Haliburton?' I said, 'I wouldn't think of going anywhere, but Haliburton and I believe that from the bottom of my heart ... if I'm required to be an ambassador for Haliburton then I'll give it everything I've got,' he said of his wife who died two years ago. "Thank you again very, very much. This is something I will treasure forever."

Nominees such as Jim Frost, Aggie Tose and Don Popple were seen smiling, shaking his hand and embracing with the man with the perpetual smile at the conclusion of the three-plus hour event.

The other nominees for the award were Barb Bolin, Janis Parker, Keith Burns, and Maarten Steinkamp.

Morrison is a member of the board of directors for Community Care Haliburton County and an active volunteer, serving as a friendly visitor and with the Wii Program on Tuesday mornings. Morrison is a member of the Extendicare Family Council Committee and a volunteer. He is also a member of the board of directors for Canoe FM.



**Darren Lum Echo staff**

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce fifth annual Business and Community Achievement Awards winners, front row, left, Scotty Morrison, Highlander of the Year; Wayde Greer, Young Entrepreneur of the Year; Carol and Eric Thompson of Maple Moon, Small Business of the Year; middle row, left, Mikaela Charlebois and Teghan Dodds, Youth of the Year; Ray Brassard of Community Care Haliburton County, Not-for-Profit Business of the Year; Molly McInerney of Molly's Bistro Bakery, New Business of the Year; Aggie Tose of GJ Burtch Construction, Skilled Trades Awards; back row, left, Nick Lawrence of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, Warden Award of the Year; Chris Bishop of Sir Sam's Ski and Summer Resort, Innovative and Creative Business Award; Dave Bishop of Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve, Large Business of the Year. The event was held at the Pinestone Resort on Saturday, Jan. 15.

Haliburton County Warden Murray Fearrey spoke with glowing praise of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, chosen as this year's recipient of the Warden Award of the Year and an award to recognize the organization's 75 years of service to the community.

Fearrey spoke about the history of the organization that included its own share of ups and downs, but was complimentary

about its current strength, as a result of its staff and directors.

"I have to tell you folks when you got just over 600 businesses total in this county and over 330 [of them] members in the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce that is [more than half, which is] probably the highest in the province of Ontario," he said to applause. "I just want to commend the directors, the staff. What a turnaround. The com-

munication is fantastic. You're doing the right thing. In fact, we can all learn from you."

The chamber has 350 business members and started in 1936.

Chamber president Nick Lawrence accepted the awards for the organization.

New to this event were the Skilled Trades Award and the Innovative and Creative Business Award.

The winner of the Skilled Trades Award was G.J. Burtch Construction and was accepted by Aggie Tose while the Innovative and Creative Business Award was accepted by Chris Bishop of Sir Sam's Ski and Summer Resort.

Wayde Greer of The Mulligan Club won the Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

The New Business of the Year award was won by Molly's Bistro Bakery and accepted by its owner Molly McInerney.

The Small Business of the Year was won by Maple Moon and accepted by Carol Thompson.

The Large Business of the year was won by the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve and was accepted by Dave Bishop.

The Youth of the Year award recipients are Teghan Dodds and Mikaela Charlebois, who were presented the award by Haliburton Highlands Secondary School staff advisor Martin Gage.

The school's principal Dan Marsden chose the students.

The Not-For-profit Business of the Year award was given to Community Care Haliburton County and was accepted by its president Ray Brassard.

Cordell Carpet won the Customer Service of the Year award.

There were 40 businesses, organizations and individuals nominated at this year's gala.

Just before the awards were handed out the chamber's vice president Eric Thompson said, "Although not every business, organization or person can be a winner as far as the final decision, you're all winners in our eyes so congratulations to those people that were nominated."

## County steps cautiously with Rail Trail plan

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

The county's new economic development committee is taking cautious steps towards sorting out the quagmire of the Haliburton County Rail Trail.

The committee – comprised of the county's four reeves along with county chief administrative officer Jim Wilson and economic development director Bob Smith – met for the first time Jan. 12, where it looked at a request for proposals to hire a consultant to create a new master plan for the controversial corridor.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid, who was elected committee chairperson, said conflict resolution needed to be applied to the situation and that she wasn't sure hiring a consultant was the right move.

"I think we've been there before and I'm not sure how practical that approach is," Reid said, adding she wasn't sure another consultant's report would be a good spend. "It seems we have two distinct groups we need to satisfy."

There have been years of squabbling between users of the Rail Trail in conflicts that often seem to pit motorized and non-motorized users against each other.

"I respectfully disagree," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt, who thought the county's role should not be resolving a conflict or humouring user groups, but rather establishing a clear vision of what county residents want the Rail Trail to be.

"This isn't about user groups ... it's about a community as a whole," she said, noting that not all users of the trail are affiliated with a particular group. "I don't care if it becomes a

butterfly corridor and I don't care if becomes a railway track."

In the end, Moffatt said, it would be impossible to come to a solution that pleases everyone.

"Some type of user is going to lose out on the Rail Trail," she said.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said it was important that ample consideration be given to the people who live along the trail and reiterated what a sensitive and difficult issue the Rail Trail has been for council.

"It's a nightmare, really," Fearrey said.

Moffatt noted there have been suggestions that the county adopt a master plan for all trails within its borders and wondered if this might be an option for council to look at.

Reid said she has had similar requests in Minden Hills. She also suggested segmenting the Rail Trail, having "quiet zones" or allo-

cating certain sections for certain uses, taking into account where those areas would link to other trail systems.

Wilson said a complicating factor for an all-encompassing trail plan is that, while the Rail Trail falls under the direct jurisdiction of the county, that is not true for other trails. He also advised that council obtain the services of a consultant.

"I think you need some more information," he said.

In the end, councillors decided they would like to see a reworded request for proposals incorporating their concerns brought back at next month's committee meeting.

The Rail Trail stretches some 34 kilometres from Haliburton Village to the county's border with the City of Kawartha Lakes.

The county is hoping to have a new master plan in place this year.



# Bird count finds fewer land birds

**Dennis Barry**  
Special to the *Times*

With 14 eager participants scouring the Haliburton County countryside and 31 feeder watchers on high alert, peering out their windows, this year's Christmas bird count on Dec. 18 came up with a respectable tally, given the conditions.

For the second year in a row, land bird numbers were down due to a lack of seeds on conifers and deciduous trees, and waterfowl numbers were severely limited since all lakes were frozen. Thirty-nine species were found, up one from last year. The all-time high was 52 species in 2006. The fewest was 19 species on the first count, in 1967. There were only two observers that year, and no waterfowl, probably because we didn't know where to look.

The highlight this year was a count week red-bellied woodpecker that visited a feeder at Miner's Bay Lodge two days after count day. This was a first for the count. Red-bellied woodpeckers have been expanding their range over the past several years. Record numbers were reported this year on many counts across southern Ontario.

Record-high numbers were recorded for only two species this year, rock pigeon and ring-necked pheasant, both of which are non-native and dependent on people for survival.

Evening grosbeak were present in substantial flocks at a few feeders, but most people had none. Only five pine grosbeaks were recorded, none at feeders. Common redpolls had just arrived. Several large flocks were spotted, but few had figured out that feeders were an excellent food source. More redpolls have appeared since, including more than

the usual proportion of hoary redpolls, a much paler species. American goldfinch was the only other "winter finch," with most at feeders where they have been hanging out since fall.

Only seven species have been found on all 44 counts: ruffed grouse, downy and hairy woodpeckers, blue jay, common raven, black-capped chickadee and white-breasted nuthatch. Of the 97 species seen on count day over the 44 years, 21 have been seen on only one count. These include waterfowl such as gadwall, greater and lesser scaup, Barrow's goldeneye, harlequin duck and ruddy duck, as well as double-crested cormorant, American coot and Iceland gull.

Northern hawk owl and boreal owl have been seen only once. While there are winter records of great gray owls in the county, none have ever been found on the count. Deep snows usually make it difficult for raptors to locate mice.

Although American kestrels are summer residents in Haliburton County, none has ever been recorded on the Christmas bird count, despite the fact they appear regularly on counts just to the south with more grassland habitat.

Surprisingly, common loons have appeared on 18 counts, with a record high of nine in 1999, a number rarely if ever recorded on counts anywhere else in Ontario. Belted kingfishers have been found on 30 counts, although not this year. Usually one or two males will linger, most often along Gull River between Minden and Gull Lakes, trying to be first in line for the best territories come spring.

Two additional species were seen on unofficial counts prior to 1967. For

several winters a northern saw-whet owl used to take shelter in our barn during snowstorms. When I tossed hay from the mow to feed cattle, it would pounce on any mouse that scurried out. A flock of more than 20 house sparrows also spent nights burrowed into the side of the hay mow. If one panicked and flew out, it quickly became supper for the owl. By spring only two house sparrows remained.

One year a killdeer spent the winter on the farm. It found food around the edges of spring-fed waterholes. Even on days when the temperature dropped to -30°F and lower, the water remained open, and insects such as water boatmen and back swimmers, as well as frogs, could be seen moving about near the bottom. No doubt the killdeer managed to find worms or other food around the edges of the springs, since it survived at least until early March.

Flower buds for next year's crop of tree seeds have already formed. By spring we'll get clues as to the size of next year's crop, which in turn will determine the abundance of land birds on next year's count on Saturday, Dec. 17. We'll hope for a moderate December to keep waterways open. That way water bird numbers may be closer to the record 14 species found in 2006, rather than the more modest eight species found this year.




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Position	Name	Points
1	Eric Schuster	629
2	Eric Casper	626
3	Eleanor Lymer	620
4	Bryan Rivard	619
5	Scott LaRue	594.25
6	Ronald Sedley	579
7	Jeff Barry	575.25
8	Andrew McGill	563.5
9	Martin Schuster	562.5
10	Maie Arike	553.5
11	Bob McKay	552.5
12	Melissa White	549.25
13	Larry Southgate	540.25
14	Paul Cameron	536
15	David Douglas	534.25
16	Ray Lymer	526.5
17	Ian Kemp	525.5
18	Michael Moxley	520.5
19	Jordan Hamilton	513.25
20	Matt Prichard	512.5
21	Chase Heinemann	511.25
22	Nancy Holden	509.75
23	Pat Barry	508.75
24	Orville Meeke	499.5
25	R Bell	493.25
26	Gerald Ainsworth	489.75
27	Robert Mclvor	486.75
28	JoAnne Sharpley	485.25
29	Andrew Carmount	483.75
30	Denniella Rivard	480.75
31	Beryl Rasmus	474.25
32	Jamie Pritchard	468.25
33	Robin Carmount	467.25
34	Dwight Thomas	466.5
35	Rhonda Shaw	464.75
36	Jonathan Sharpley	463.25
37	Larry Holden	461.25
38	Norm Bottum	456.5
39	Dan MacMillan	455
40	Audrey Sedley	452.5
41	Ann Mclvor	447.25
42	Richard Rasmus	442.25
43	Peter R Stelter	439.25
44	Bruce Fisher	433.25
45	Daniel Rivard	430.25
46	Matt Mihlik	424.5
47	Shannon Robertson	415.5
48	Paydon Miscio	396.5

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Where was this painting painted? In 1927 what roads were going in and where around Haliburton County? Take a guess and send it to the curator at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery [gallery@mindenhills.ca](mailto:gallery@mindenhills.ca) We'll post the results.

## A significant piece to behold

**Laurie Carmount**  
 Special to the *Times*

The Agnes Jamieson Gallery is exhibiting a loaned painting from a private collection titled *Building Roads in Haliburton* by Thomas Wilberforce Mitchell. This very large oil painting is a stunning example of how enamoured artists were with the Haliburton area, travelling the rugged roads to be inspired by the landscape.

Done in 1927, the painting depicts men and teams of horses removing trees and working the ground to build a road. The painting is powerful, not only due to its large size, but because of the intense use of colour. The paint is worked up in layers, each different in hue, with obvious brush strokes in consistent lengths, which the eye blends to create an overall image with depth. It is late afternoon and the sun is casting a warm glow through the trees – the painting is filled with every colour but the undertone of orange, gold and burgundy capture the glow of light. Traditional, yet not, this is a wonderful illustration of the French art world influencing a Canadian artist.

Mitchell had impressive artistic training and career. Born in 1876 in Clarksburg, Ont., Mitchell showed outstanding drawing ability at an early age. He studied at the Central Ontario School of Art where he received all the diplomas available on painting and drawing courses taught by William Cruikshank, G.A. Reid and F.S. Challenger.

In 1899 he was hired by J. E. Laughlin, commercial artist, to assist with various jobs connected with fashion display sketches for the Robert Simpson Company catalogue. In 1905 he joined the firm of J.J. Gibbons, Toronto, as its art director. Mitchell visited Europe in the latter part of 1906 then spent most of 1907 working in London at the Carleton Studios as an illustrator. On his return to Toronto he

opened a studio and continued work with J.J. Gibbons. He became a member of the Arts and Letters Club of Toronto in 1908.

It was in 1912, when Mitchell attended the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Art in Philadelphia (under J.A. Weir, Emil Carlson, Philip Hale and Daniel Garber) that his paintings took on a remarkable style of their own. Here he became familiar with the methods that were gaining recognition in Europe, by studying works of Corot, Daubigny and other French painters. Their work made such an impression on him that he changed his style of painting to something much more colourful and rich.

Returning to Toronto he continued as an illustrator. In 1913 he was elected a member of the Ontario Society of Artists. He joined the staff of Brigden's in 1916 where he served as art director. Here he would have worked with André Lapine, the artist's work which is a majority of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery collection, who would have just arrived in Toronto. There are many similarities between these two men. Was it possible Mitchell was the one to introduce Lapine to Haliburton?

In 1926 Mitchell was elected to the Royal Canadian Academy. His paintings were becoming better known through his showings with this society and the Ontario Society of Artists. He retired from Brigden's in 1932 to become a freelance illustrator. He did work for the *Toronto Star Weekly* and *MacLean's* magazine. In A.H. Robson's book "Canadian Landscape Painters" he was described as "a brilliant colourist and a painter of great sincerity and graphic force." Mitchell died at the age of 79 in Barrie, Ontario.

This painting is on loan until the end of March. It is another important example of the influence Haliburton has had on Canadian landscape art. It is our little "Ruben" for a short time.

Agnes Jamieson Gallery is located at 176 Bobcaygeon Road Minden [www.mindenculturalcentre.com](http://www.mindenculturalcentre.com)



# Changing the world one hand at a time

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

They may look like a group of typical 12 and 13 year olds but for three-year-old Aissatou Mohamed from Niger they are making a world of difference.

Created four years ago, Helping Hands is a group of Grade 7 and 8 students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School dedicated to making a difference both at home in Minden and around the world.

Some of the projects the group has taken on since its formation include drilling two wells in India through Help A Village Effort (HAVE) and purchasing livestock for those living in third world countries.

This year the group embarked on an entirely different campaign and decided to sponsor a child and chose Aissatou.

"The group raised enough money through various initiatives to sponsor the child for two years," said Laurie Marks-O'Sullivan, the group's creator and one of two teacher coordinators.

Along with sponsoring a child this year the group also filled approximately 45 shoeboxes at Christmas for Samaritan's Purse and organized Food for Hunger, where they collected non-perishable food items at Halloween and



donated them to the Minden Food Bank.

Comprised of 15 students, those involved in the group joined with the hopes of making a difference.

"The group gives you something good to do during recess," said Cody Anderson.

To help raise funds for the various global initiatives the students run a weekly tuck shop at the school as well as organize dances.

This past fall the students and organizers, Marks-

O'Sullivan and Darlene Hill, travelled to Toronto for a one-day conference titled We Day, an initiative of Free the Children.

Those involved with Helping Hands would recommend the group to any other students interested in joining.

"To be a part of Helping Hands is about helping people around the world," said Marks-O'Sullivan. "I thought it would be a great group to have at our school just to bring awareness for no other reason than to just help."

The Helping Hands of Archie Stouffer Elementary School is comprised of Grade 7 and 8 students who meet weekly to target local and global issues and make a difference in their community and abroad.

From back left, teacher Laurie Marks-O'Sullivan, Brittany Hewitt, Taylor Calvert, Dominique Douglas, Erin Little, Cody Anderson, Shae MacNaull and Kyla Sisson.

Front row from left, Courtney Wessell, Vanessa Douglas, Jacey Baldry and Sydney Smallwood. Missing from the photo are Rheya Barager and Emma Cox.

**Angelica Blenich**  
Times staff

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We are anticipating the renewal of the Eastern Ontario Development Program, therefore, The Haliburton County Development Corporation is accepting applications from businesses, sole proprietors and organizations for activities that will support local economic development.

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**Application deadline**  
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**Application deadline**  
April 29th, 2011

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Funding is available through the Local Initiative Program to support Not-For-Profit organizations engaged in community development projects.

**Application deadline**  
March 18th, 2011

Guidelines and applications available on-line at [www.haliburtoncdc.ca](http://www.haliburtoncdc.ca) or by contacting Patti at: (705) 457-3555 or [ptallman@haliburtoncdc.ca](mailto:ptallman@haliburtoncdc.ca)

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# School board unfurls its flag policy

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

A policy defining just when schools can lower their flags to half-mast was accepted by trustees of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board at a committee-of-the-whole meeting in Minden on Jan. 12.

Director of education Larry Hope said the policy had been brought forward in light of the board's character development committee's focus on citizenship as well as the high number of requests schools get to lower their flags to half-mast.

Hope said the policy was drawn up after doing some research and looking at the policies of other school boards.

The new policy dictates that schools within the board can fly their flags at half-mast upon the death of a child enrolled at that school; the death of a staff member at the school or school board; the death of a trustee; on Remembrance Day; and on other occasions determined by the director.

Trustee John Byrne suggested that the policy should also include that flags be lowered when they are ordered so by Canada's government.

"If the government orders a flag to be flown at half-mast, it should be," Byrne said.

However, Hope, board chairwoman Karen Round and past chairwoman Judy Saunders all thought it would be simpler for schools to take instruction from the director's office rather than based on other reports schools may or may not hear about.

"I think the majority of schools would miss that," Round said in response to Byrne's example.

Saunders said it was important that there be consistency across the board when it comes to the lowering of flags.

The policy also deals with proper care of flags and stipulates that each school should fly a Canadian flag on days when classes are in session.

Schools with a second flag pole may also fly the provincial flag.

The policy must be adopted by the board at the next regular board meeting.

# Understanding the colour wheel



**Woman on Wheels**  
**Annette McLeod,**  
QMI Agency  
annette.mcleod@sunmedia.ca

In 2009, Dupont took a look at more qualitative (psychological and anthropological) factors through several professionals who know about why we prefer some colours over others.

According to Dr. Peter Weil, an associate professor of cultural anthropology at the University of Delaware (who also has a sub-specialty in "aesthetic anthropology"), non-industrial societies traditionally have a learned awareness of only four basic colour ranges: red, blue, black and white; more industrialized societies are conditioned to perceive a wider range of colours due to globalization and the influence of the accompanying trappings, such as marketing. And yet, we still tend to stick to the same neutral colours.

Universally, "silver has been associated with high status, especially during the post-Sept. 11 economic boom," according to Weil. Silver's popularity began to wane around 2007, after a remarkable seven-year reign atop DuPont's survey. White then began to grow in popularity.

White is associated with transition, and its popularity began to grow around the time the world economy showed signs of wobbling. White is now the most popular colour for North American vehicle buyers, especially those of light trucks and SUVs.

In Western Europe, black and grey often appear on expensive cars, which Weil says is a sign of security and risk aversion. Age is a factor too, with younger buyers drawn to brighter, more attention-getting colours on their smaller, more economical cars.

Dr. Kayta Gajdos, a Pennsylvania psychologist

who uses colour as a tool in psychotherapy, says there is "no way to generalize based on gender" and that personality is more indicative than age when it comes to colour choice.

Those with left-brain dominance (often analytical, logical, objective types) tend more towards practical considerations (such as whether dirt will show) than those with right-brain dominance (more intuitive and subjective).

Weil says that all humans biologically process colour the same way, so in spite of the differences in our personalities, we have colour associations in common: red equals passion; deep red, security; blue, calm and communication (makes sense now why the security staff at the airport often sport blue uniforms - they spend their time interacting with frazzled travelers!); blue/green represents wholeness; indigo, understanding; yellow/green, empowerment; and, orange is associated with self-esteem and confidence.

According to recent studies at the University of California, Berkeley, there's a personal and simple explanation as to why we prefer the colours we prefer: we like a colour if we like things that are that colour. So, we may like purple, say, because our grandmother's couch was purple and it has positive associations for us.

But when it comes to cars, why do we love neutrals so much? I think partly because many of us don't want to stand out when we're driving - it's safer to blend in. Also, most of us drive our cars for years, so we don't want a colour of which we're going to tire quickly - or one that may prohibit a quick sale later.

Not that it matters much this time of year - they're all the same gritty grimy salty mess anyway.

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## SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS

The Highway Traffic Act R.S.O. 1990, C. H.8, S. 170 (12 & 13), states "No person shall park or stand a vehicle on a highway in such a manner as to interfere with the movement of traffic or the clearing of snow from the highway." A Police Constable, County or Municipal appointed By-Law Officer may have the vehicle removed from the roadway and stored at the owner's expense.

The Highway Traffic Act R.S.O. 1990, C. H.8, S. 181 states "No person shall deposit snow or ice on a roadway without permission in writing to do so from the Ministry or the road authority responsible for maintenance of the road". The penalty on conviction is a fine of \$105.00.

Please be very careful when clearing your driveway, entrance and mail box. Be sure to plow or blow the snow back away from the roadway to avoid creating a hazard for the travelling public.

The cooperation of all motorists in these matters would be appreciated for efficient winter maintenance of County and Municipal Roads and the safety of others.

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## NOTICE TO MOTORIZED SNOW VEHICLE OPERATORS

The County of Haliburton has enacted By-Law No. 2954 under the authority of the Motorized Snow Vehicles Act R.S.O. 1990, Chapter M.44 s. 5 (1), Subject to subsection 92), no person shall drive a motorized snow vehicle upon the serviced roadway of a King's Highway or of a secondary highway, except to cross.

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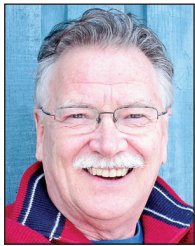


# Charlie Davis: musician, survivor

Some men from Ireland are a potent combination of talent, sweet talk, and exuberance. Charlie Davis fit that mould, but dangers threatened to overturn his apple-cart, and he needed a change in scenery, then a change in lifestyle to save himself.

Born in Dublin, Ireland in 1950, Davis came along much later than his seven siblings, some of whom already had their own kids.

*Interesting*  
**People**  
*george farrell*



regular basis, and he was getting beat up a lot.

His mother suggested that he go to England, to live with one of his sisters; but instead he chose Canada. Another sister, whom he'd never met, lived in Toronto.

"Times were so tough in Ireland," says Davis "and there were posters all over Dublin in the '60s urging people to immigrate to Canada."

So he came, and by so doing escaped one danger; "because," he says, "in order to make decent money you had to be crook to live in Ireland at that time." When he left Ireland Davis was making "about \$25 a week, and you just couldn't survive."

When he got to Toronto in 1967 he stayed with his sister Jean for a while. His brother-in-law got him a job pumping gas, and he kept that job, on a part-time basis, while he attended high school.

The Irish are known for their love of music, and the Davis family was rich in that tradition. Davis started playing gui-

tar when he was eight. "I'd play along with aunts, uncles and neighbours," he says. "Mom would play piano, and Dad would sing."

Playing Irish songs on his guitar sustained his homesickness for awhile, but in 1971, a year after he graduated from high school, he went back to Ireland.

"It was a much bigger culture shock going back than it was coming to Canada," Davis says. "Things still hadn't changed that much and I made up my mind right away to come back to Canada." By working as much as he could during the day, while also performing in coffee houses at night, Davis eventually saved enough to come back in 1973.

He landed a job at Consumer's Gas as a construction worker. He stayed with Consumers for 35 years, eventually moving up to supervisor.

Davis has a daughter Heather, from his first marriage, who now lives in Sudbury. In 1988 Davis married Judy Hill, and now he's also father to stepson Paul. That same year Charlie and Judy bought a house in Brooklin, Ont., which was close to Judy's work.

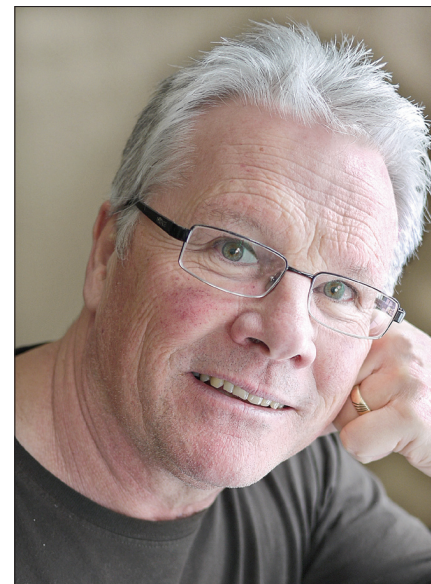
Then in 2002, Davis had a massive heart attack, brought on by the stresses of his job, ("nothing was easy"), and hereditary factors. "I had three big blockages," he says, "and the doctor said if I wanted to live I had to get more exercise, change my diet and basically undergo a complete change in lifestyle."

Changing from the seemingly easygoing, fun loving, life-of-the-party type of guy could not have been easy for Davis, but he was getting to an age where changes were about due anyway.

"Judy's dad Allan had come over from Manchester, and we'd jump in the car and drive all around Southern Ontario, to show him around," Davis says, and that's how they discovered Haliburton. "Allan said we should just buy a lot up here, and build on it," Davis recalls.

So keeping that suggestion in the back of their minds, one day they decided to drive to Haliburton for a meal. "Judy went in to McKecks restaurant, while I went in to Century 21 to look at real estate," says Davis, "and we bought property on Hurricane Lake that very day, in March of 2002."

The Davises would stay in a small cabin on the property while their house was being built, and Charlie moved up permanently in 2008, the same year that he retired. Judy still



Originally from Ireland, Charlie Davis found his way to Haliburton. It was the best thing he ever did, he says. /Photo by George Farrell

works in the GTA and comes up on weekends. Charlie in the meantime has been busy fine-tuning the house and becoming involved in the community.

"I volunteer at the fish hatchery," he says enthusiastically, "and help with feeding, cleaning the tanks and stocking the lakes. I work with a great bunch of guys, and it was the best thing I ever did to move up here. We've met tons of people. I'm a people person, and as soon as we got here we met Karen Frybort in McKecks, and her husband Mick, and I got involved with their band Ragged Company." Davis can't play guitar anymore due to an injury to one of his fingers, so now he plays keyboards, and blues harmonica. He also sings.

Davis has escaped a dangerous social scene in Dublin and a heart attack in the GTA, but he's performing with Ragged Company as well as his own Charles Street Band, which he's been playing with for 23 years. So he's still very much on the go.

If you want to check out intrepid survivor Charlie Davis, the Charles Street Band is playing at McKecks sometime in February, so keep an eye out.

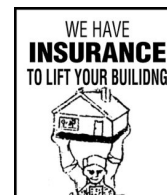
## Snowy Minden

While Toronto was digging out from the snowstorm, it was another typical winter day with more than 10 cm of snow, as seen here with a Minden Hills Township employee, snow blowing the Riverwalk bridge on Saturday, Jan. 15.

Darren Lum  
Times staff



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## Weekly Sudoku

To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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9	8	5	2	3	1	4	6	7
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### The Township of Algonquin Highlands requires a **DEPUTY CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL/BYLAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER** **\$41,378 to \$46,571**

The Township of Algonquin Highlands with a permanent population of 2,000 and a seasonal population exceeding 10,000 is known within Central Ontario as an area of natural beauty where residents enjoy a rural lifestyle second to none.

**Reports to:** Chief Building Official

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- Meet with the public, contractors, designers, architects and engineers to discuss and review their projects for Part 9 and Part 3 structures;
- Respond to telephone and counter inquiries;
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- Perform calculations to determine the value of permit fees, development charges etc.;
- Onsite inspection to ensure compliance with the Ontario Building Code;
- Attend training courses and seminars as necessary to remain current in this field;
- Maintain accurate written inspection records and provide written reports as required;
- Enter permit applications and inspection records onto computer system;
- Enforce Township bylaws.

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The Township of Algonquin Highlands with a permanent population of 2,000 and a seasonal population exceeding 10,000 is known within Central Ontario as an area of natural beauty where residents enjoy a rural lifestyle second to none.

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is seeking applications from experienced, qualified persons for the position of Treasurer. Reporting to the C.A.O., and as a member of the Senior Management Team, the Treasurer will perform the statutory duties of Treasurer as set forth in applicable provincial legislation. In this position, you will be responsible for the following:

- Supervision of three full-time staff in tax collection, accounts payable/receivable, and payroll.
- Coordinate and lead the annual budget process, development of long-term capital/operating budget forecasts.
- Responsible for GL, FIR completions, monthly operating statements, taxation and municipal revenue functions.
- Maintain asset inventory in compliance with PSAB.
- Preparation of required financial statements and reports to Council and Senior Staff.
- Coordinate all audit requirements.
- Human Resources and payroll functions including benefit administration.
- Oversee insurance plans and risk management issues.
- Computer software maintenance and back-up systems.

The preferred candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- A related post secondary education or university degree with an accounting designation, or a related mix of education and experience.
- Municipal finance courses. Significant demonstrated management experience and understanding of local government finance, municipal financial planning, financial information systems, municipal financial reporting, taxation experience, budgetary processes, and supervisory experience.
- Excellent interpersonal, financial, project/time management, organizational, analytical, communication, presentation, staff leadership and supervisory skills.
- Advanced computer skills including thorough knowledge of accounting software, spreadsheet and data base management (USTI municipal software experience an asset)

Salary Range : \$81,539 - \$91,772 subject to meeting all qualifications

Applicants must indicate how they meet the minimum qualifications in their resume. We thank all applicants; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Please submit your resume in confidence by 4:00 p.m. on **February 18, 2011 to:**

**Angie Bird, C.A.O.**

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# Get in on Good Food Box



**Gina Atkinson**  
Stanhope Life

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Bribery comes in all forms! Not that it was necessary, but my Ma has been asking me when I was going to visit. Get this, I talk to her at least three or four times a week and visit once a month.

It doesn't take enticement for me to go and visit but this is a little game she plays ... I think. This time it was the home made sausages. Yes, you are reading this right!

My Ma at 84 still makes homemade everything! Not just for me but also for her friends who might not be as agile as she is. I was planning a trip anyways not because of guilt or bribery. Don't get me wrong - the sausages she makes are amazing!

I barely walked in the door and she served me breaded cutlets with home-made pickled peppers. An hour later I was eating a slice of pizza and drinking a glass of red wine.

Visiting her consisted of watching non-stop Italian spoken movies; this is a little tricky for me because there are words that I just don't know.

My computer came with me since I felt this would be a great opportunity to interview her for her story that I have started writing. That generation has great stories to tell and I want to be sure I get to hear them and I only got some of

this done because it interfered with her programs.

Ma has a memory as sharp as a tack remembering all 14 of her siblings' birthdays, 15 if you count the stillborn one, 16 if you count the one that was born a year before her and died unexpectedly and her name Natalina was regiven to my mother (I guess at this stage they were running out of good names).

As I type this, the smell of roasting lamb drifts by and I know what tomorrow's supper will be.

Holy smokes, I really appreciate these elastic waist pants!

Speaking about food, the Good Food Box is happening in this town. You can be part of this program and receive a box of delicious fresh fruit and vegetables to help you stretch your food budget.

To join this club please phone Stanhope contact Gerda at 489-1178, then drop of your \$15 at Highland Leisure that's located on Highway 35 just across from Pine Reflections. It's just that easy, and then you're all set to pick up the box at the Zion United Church on the third Thursday of the month. If you are not lucky enough to live in our area, I'm sure that Gerda will give you a contact number.

It's all about good food!  
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## TESTIMONIALS.....



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"The experience made me realize my potential, how to present it to a potential employer, and utilize my strengths and values in my search for a new career." - Ted Cumber

I'm still sharing the good news about TIOW whenever I get the chance. It really opened up to me/for me, the possibility of opportunity right here in Haliburton county. It's my belief that the older worker in Haliburton tries to prepare themselves for being unemployed, under-employed and to deal with the hopelessness of that situation. TIOW created a "support group" feeling for me. And feeling supported is essential for moving on, to new endeavors like going back to school/continuing education or training. The "tools" we needed were made available to us. I hope to see in the future that it will expand to include the other age groups. The program is very much needed in Haliburton County and will be needed for some years to come.

Thanx to everyone involved.

Your most ardent cheerleader,  
Brenda

## Central East LHIN

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# Needle work and poker rally in Dorset



**Melissa Alfano**  
Dorset News

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Rhythmic foundations beginner drumming program is taking place at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Mondays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. All are welcome to come out and experience the benefits of drumming, self expression, creativity and play. No previous experience is required and some drums are being provided. Please bring your own drum if you have one. For more information, contact Gillian at 705-766-2323 or the Recreation Centre at 705-766-9968.

The Quilting and Needle Workers group that meet at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Tuesdays always welcome

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The Township of Algonquin Highlands is seeking applications from experienced, qualified persons for the position of Clerk-Planning Administrator. Reporting to the C.A.O., and as a member of the Senior Management Team, the Clerk-Planning Administrator will perform a wide variety of functions including the statutory and advisory duties of Clerk as set forth in applicable provincial legislation.

This position is also responsible for the coordination of all land use planning issues and requires a sound knowledge of the legislative framework, principles and best practices related to land-use planning together with excellent analytical, problem solving, interpersonal, reporting writing and presentation skills.

The preferred candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- Five years experience in a municipal management position.
- A related post secondary education or community college diploma in public administration, local government, planning or related discipline, or a related mix of education and experience.
- Municipal administration courses.
- Working knowledge of the *Municipal Act*, *Planning Act*, *Elections Act*, *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* and other legislation related to municipal governance.
- Significant demonstrated management experience and understanding of local government, municipal administration and land use planning.
- Excellent interpersonal, project/time management, organizational, analytical, communication and presentation skills.
- Strong computer skills.

Salary Range : \$59,342.89 - \$66,790.95 (under review)

Applicants must indicate how they meet the minimum qualifications in their resume. We thank all applicants; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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newcomers to socialize and share skills. There are participants who quilt, knit, crochet, cross stitch, embroider and more. The group meets at 9:30 a.m. and refreshments are provided. The cost is \$1 per person.

The beading class originally scheduled to take place on Wednesday, Jan. 19 at the Dorset Recreation Centre has been rescheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 2. Please call the Recreation Centre at 766-9968 for more information.

I've been asked by the Tall Pines Snowmobile Club to let you know about the upcoming Dorset Poker Rally which is taking place on Saturday, Feb. 12. Proceeds of the rally aid Lions Camp Dorset and Tall Pines Snowmobile Club.

Participants must be 19 years of age to purchase a poker hand. Pre-registration takes place on Friday, Feb. 11 from 7 to 9 p.m. and registration runs Saturday, Feb. 12 from 9 to 11 a.m. There is a maximum of 300 riders and riders must have an OFSC Trail Permit. Permits will be available to purchase on site at Lions Camp Dorset.

Pledge sheets are available on line at [www.lionscamp-dorset.on.ca](http://www.lionscamp-dorset.on.ca) and [www.tallpines.org](http://www.tallpines.org) and \$50 worth of pledges gets you a free ride. Poker hands are \$30 and checkpoints are sponsored. Hands will be dealt until 4 p.m. and no later. Dinner starts at 4:30 p.m. and prizes will be given out at 6:30 p.m.

For more information about the poker rally, check out the websites or give Charmaine a call at 766-9263 or Helen at 766-2662.

The 21st annual Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival takes

place Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18 and 19, 2011. The event starts off Friday night with a family skating party complete with a DJ Chris providing music and a light show and hot dogs and hot chocolate by the Dorset recreation committee.

Saturday's events kick off with an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and parade at 11 a.m. Events, too many to mention continue through out the day. Have a look at [www.dorsetsnowball.com](http://www.dorsetsnowball.com) or watch for the brochure coming soon in your mailbox for a complete list of events and activities or call 766-9968 for more information.

Speaking of Snowball, the sponsorship drive will soon be wrapping up. If you have pledged to sponsor, please be sure to get your sponsorship in promptly. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, which entitles you to a listing on the brochure and website, please call the Dorset Recreation Centre at 766-9968.

Birthday wishes for the week of Jan. 16 to 22 go out to Kyle Wheeler, Dave Bradbury, Samantha Black, Shirley Brown, Madison Allore, Dave McDonald, Brenda Davies and Happy Anniversary to Doris and Rick Nash. For all who have birthdays, anniversaries special occasions this week, have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at [melalfano@hotmail.com](mailto:melalfano@hotmail.com) or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

## Kinmount Winterfest coming in February



**Patti Fleury**  
Around the Town

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This is the third Monday in January and apparently recognized as the most depressing day of the year. Whether it's due to the letdown after the holidays or the arrival of the Visa bill I'm not sure. The mood however was much the opposite at Lindsay's Academy Theatre on Saturday night as The Ed Sullivan Show lit up the stage with the music of guests Frankie Valli, the Bee Gees, Ray Charles and Abba. Background footage from the actual Sullivan Show of the very stiff black and white commercials of the day praising the virtues of Borax, Anacin, Liptons Tea and Chef Boyardee Pizza Mix brought groans from the audience as they remembered and relived that long running Sunday night family ritual. It was a great way to celebrate yet another birthday and while impressed with David's demonstration of his Christmas iPad my clock which projects the time on the ceiling in large numbers is about all the technology I can handle.

On an initiative from the City of Kawartha Lakes the towns of Kinmount and Apsley were asked to twin together and complete a special project. Now the Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development is inviting everyone to attend a special meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. in the Community Centre when the Apsley group will give its report on the First Impressions project providing feedback from its visit to Kinmount. In return on the following day the Kinmount team will travel to Apsley and share its findings on visiting that community. Through this process information can be exchanged which will hopefully be of benefit to local residents, businesses and tour-

ism.

At the Kinmount Public Library computer workshops are now available during regular library hours. These sessions will provide one-on-one assistance with computer programs or related questions. The cost is \$5 for a half hour and a \$10 for a full hour. For more information on this or other programs please give Mary Anne a call at 705-488-3199 and do mark your calendars now for the two-part Family Literacy Day coming up on Thursday, Jan. 27 at the branch with one session for pre-schoolers at 11:15 a.m. and a second at 5 p.m. Also a 2010 cookbook entitled *Farm Fresh Recipes From The City of Kawartha Lakes* is available for \$5 at the Library and includes favourite recipes submitted by residents and library patrons.

Public skating continues at the Kinmount arena on the fairgrounds on Fridays and Saturdays from 7 to 9 p.m., Saturdays from 1 to 3 p.m. and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Kinmount Knights Hockey is scheduled on Sundays from 1 to 3 p.m.

Kinmount's Winterfest 2011 is happening on Saturday, Feb. 12 kicking off with a Pancake Breakfast at the community centre. Then it's off to the arena and fairgrounds for a day of family fun highlighted by the downhill dash. There are several age categories for the dash including one for adult contestants with everyone building and racing a decorated toboggan as they compete for great prizes. Watch for more details here in the column, in the Gazette and on the website at [www.kinmount.ca](http://www.kinmount.ca).

At Kinmount United Church the Sunday service is normally at 9:45 a.m. and everyone is warmly invited to attend. On Sunday, Jan. 30 please note that the service will begin at 11 a.m. followed by the monthly Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers lunch for \$5 then the annual general meeting. The change in time allows for people planning to attend the meeting to stay through and not make a second trip.


Until next week...



## Coming Events

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**For information call Tina at 457-9399**

# community calendar

What's happening in the County

**Post your event for free on the web. Go to: [www.mindentimes.ca](http://www.mindentimes.ca) or**

**to the  Haliburton Highlands Community Calendar link at: [www.haliburtonecho.ca](http://www.haliburtonecho.ca)**

**Bereavement Group** : Minden United Church offers help to anyone who has suffered a recent loss and feels overwhelmed or helpless and alone. If this is you or if you know some one in need of help please call Donna at 286-1237 or Nancy at 286-1305.

**Community Care City of Kawartha Lakes Health and Support Services** is currently recruiting volunteers to assist in the Adult Day Program in the following areas: Bobcaygeon, Fenelon Falls, Omemee, and Burnt River. Volunteers assist staff with programs for socially isolated seniors and people with special needs such as physical or developmental disabilities. Social, recreational and physical Activities are offered in caring, friendly, safe environments. Training Provided. Contact Eileen MacCormack for further information 705-324-7323 x 274 or emaccormack@community-care.on.ca .

**Ladies Night at the Dorest Recreational Center.** Ladies, join in for an evening of fun at this new monthly activity( to take place the 1st Wednesday of the month) The inaugural Ladies Night starting at 7pm on January 5 has a theme of " Spa Night". The cost is \$5 per person and all ladies are welcome. Call the Rec Center to sign up.

**January 21st** - Shepherd's table community Supper, Lakeside Baptist Church in Haliburton. Free hot meal-strech your dollars! Call 705-457-2851 to RSVP or to volunteer.

**January 24th to March 6th : Family Math at Archie Stouffer School.** From 5 -7 pm. For families with children in Junior/Senior Kindergarten and Grade 1. What do bears, bugs and bubbles have in common? They can help your child learn math! Come and join 6 sessions of FUN! Light supper provided. Take home surprises each week. Space is limited so please register by phoning 286-4625 or emailing oeycparented@bellnet.ca .

**January 26th- 1:30 p.m. The Haliburton County Historical Society Presents** : a representative of the Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association, to discuss the Haliburton Gold at the Fish hatchery 66712 Galert Rd. In Haliburton

**January 20 the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists** will be host a presentation by Dan Strickland on Gray Jays. Mr. Strickland was Chief Algonquin Park Naturalist for many years and has extensive knowledge of the Gray Jay. The presentation will be held at the HHOA fish hatchery, coffee will be served at 7:00, Presentation to follow at 7:30 p.m.

**January 20: Haliburton Meet the Nurse** 10 am to noon, located at the Ontario Early Years Centre (83 Maple Ave., Halco Place, Lower level) in Haliburton. Parents with children up to age six can meet with a Public Health Nurse. The nurse can weigh the baby, provide breastfeeding support, screen for speech concerns and discuss infant care, growth and development as well as other parental concerns. For more information contact (705) 457-1391

**January 27, 8th Annual Chiefs' Charity Pasta Feast** in support of Kawartha Lakes Food Source from noon to 2 p.m. at the Victoria Park Armoury in Lindsay. Admission is \$12.00 and includes pasta, meatballs, Caesar Salad, bun, dessert and beverage as well as musical entertainment provided by Keith Kirkpatrick and friends. Tickets are available at Kawartha Lakes Fire Rescue Service at 24 Cambridge St. North; CKL Police Service, 6 Victoria Ave. North; and the Food Service Office on George St. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

**January 29th Places for People** is hosting a Bowlathon at the Fast Lane in Minden. Some spaces are still available for either the 4:30 or 6:45 game times. A minimum of \$20 pledges gets you a game, shoes and the opportunity to win other prizes. And of course a rollicking game in good company and the satisfaction of contributing to a worthy local cause. Contact Fred Phipps (457-9694) or The Fast Lane (286-3900) to sign up and get your pledge sheet.

**January 30th 2011, 12:30- 3:00 p.m. The Balthazar Bazaar** located at The Minden Hills Community Centre. \$3.00 gets you a basket of whatever you can stuff inside, a large variety of clothing, toys, dishes, blankets, books and much much more. NOTE: all large items will be marked according to price. Child Minding is available. Donations are welcome. For further information please contact Bridgett Gall at 705-286-0182

**February 12 Dorset Poker Rally held at Lions Camp Dorset** Pre-registration Friday: 7 to 9 p.m. Registration Saturday: 9 to 11 a.m. 300 riders w/ OFSC trail permits. Poker Hands \$30.00 \$50.00 worth of pledges allows you to ride free, pledge forms available at Lions Camp Dorset or online at ([www.tallpines.org](http://www.tallpines.org)) or ([www.lionscampdorset.on.ca](http://www.lionscampdorset.on.ca)). Hands dealt until 4 p.m. Dinner at 4:30 Prizes at 6:30 for further information contact Charmaine 705-766-9263 or Helen 705-766-2662

**February 23rd 1:30 p.m. The Haliburton County Historical Society Presents:** Bill Beattie & Julia Roberston Topic: "Stories my Grandparents told me" located at the Maple Lake United Church, Stanhope Airport Rd. & Highway. 118

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to [jmceathron@mindentimes.ca](mailto:jmceathron@mindentimes.ca) or faxed to The Minden Times at 286-4768, emailed to [jmceathron@mindentimes.ca](mailto:jmceathron@mindentimes.ca) or brought in to the office.

**Please submit events by the Wednesday prior to the requested publication date.**

**NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area.** Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.



# Novice capture first in Muskoka Parry Sound loop

The Peppermill Highland Storm Novice Team are regular season champs in the Muskoka/Parry Sound Hockey League finishing the season with an impressive 13 wins, four ties and one loss record in their 18 game schedule. After dropping the opening game of the season to Huntsville, the boys never looked back going undefeated in their final 17 games. The league was very evenly matched which meant that every game was closely contested. The Storm managed to score 91 goals while allowing a league leading 28 against in their 18 matches. Every player on the team contributed to the team effort. In their final three games the Storm earned two 4-4 ties against Port Carling and in the game to determine first place in the league the Highland Storm shut down the high powered Port Carling Offence to earn a 4-0 shout victory in perhaps the team's best game of the year. Goaltender Nigel Smith earned the shutout with tremendous support from defensemen, Ethan Glecoff, James Alexander, Isaac Little and Ryan Hall. Offensive points were provided by all six forwards; Alex Little, Paul Turner, Tyson Clements, Benn MacNaull, Zach Morissette and Joe Boice. The team was awaiting the return of Mikki Bukta and is preparing for playoff action which will begin in the next two weeks. The Storm will face off against the winner of the Elmvale Pennetang Series and is looking forward to their next challenge.

*Submitted by Paul Morissette*

## Peewee As lose in overtime

The Pharmasave Peewee As lost in overtime against Schomberg 4-3. Goals were scored by Ryan Edwards, Jaydon Wood and Mathew Wilbee. Assists went to Morgan Hamilton, Mathew Wilbee and Chace Burden. The Pharmasave Peewee As play in Schomberg on Saturday and in Minden on Sunday at 4 p.m.

*Submitted by Gord Wood*

## Floyd Hall Insurance Atom AEs Come Up Short at Liftlock Tournament in Peterborough

Final scores: 1-0 loss to Sturgeon Lake, 3-2 loss to Gloucester/Orleans, 5-0 loss to Otonabee

Next Games: Playdowns begin in Meaford this weekend! Atom AEs learn lessons for Meaford playdowns

Floyd Hall Insurance's Atom AEs were in tough at this year's Liftlock tournament, playing against A teams, and having a difficult time mustering offence. Their tournament started on Friday afternoon against Sturgeon Lake. Our goalie, Carson Sisson played a phenomenal game and kept the score even at zeroes but a wonky bounce that led to a breakaway goal in the dying seconds lifted the opposition to victory. It was a heartbreaking way to start the tournament but the boys came away knowing that they can compete at an A level.

Their second game was an early morning tilt against Gloucester/Orleans and our boys may have needed a little more time to wake up. It was 3-0 for Gloucester by the end of the second and it looked like all was lost, but in third, our players suddenly awoke and scored two quick ones to make it close. Cullen Johnston kept the puck in at the blue line and Matthew Manning was able to muck it behind the net and get it over to Ben Schmidt at the side boards. His shot made it through several players in front and suddenly the boys came to life. A beautiful rushing goal by Ryan Prentice assisted by Trevor Turner brought the boys to within one and with the goalie pulled in the dying seconds it looked like they might just be able to tie it. Again though, a bounce of the puck went the wrong way and we came up short.

The final game against Otonabee wasn't as bad as the 5-0 score indicated but our squad just couldn't muster the offence needed and Otonabee was able to take full advantage of the opportunities provided to them.

Despite everything, our squad never gave up and they should be proud of the way they carried themselves through-



Tykes make the A finals in their first tournament of the season. /Submitted photo

out the event. These will be good lessons for the playdowns which begin next weekend in Meaford.

*Submitted by Jon Petrie*

## Bantam girls win gold at tournament

The Minden Car Quest Bantam C girls' hockey team participated in the Orillia Hawks Girls Hockey Association Sunshine Tournament this weekend.

The girls had a strong first game taking on a league opposition - Lindsay Lynx. The Highland Storm girls started slow but found their form halfway through the second period and skated to a 5-0 win.

The girls faced off against Wellesley in their second game of their pool play. The Minden Car Quest Bantam C squad was in tough and lost the game 4-2. The girls finished third in their pool and the standings put them in a rematch game against the same Wellesley team on Saturday night.

The girls put together a stellar performance and kept Wellesley off the score sheet and tied the game 0-0. The format was straight to shoot out. Kelsey Maracle kept the shoot out alive on the third shot, Alex Litwin scored at the same time as the Wellesley shooter and Maddie Allore (ninth shooter) advanced the Highland Storm girls to the semi-finals on Sunday.

The team took on St. Mary's Sunday morning, defeating them 2-0 in a nail-biter. Connor Marsden notched her third shut-out of the tournament (15th of the season) in the win to advance to the championship. Erin Little and Sydney Feir scored the Highland Storm tallies.

In the championship game, The Bantam C girls took on a fast-skating and talented Timmins team. The girls jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead in the first period with goals from Erin Little and Sydney Feir. After two periods of play, Timmins had tied the game at 2-2. The girls pressured attack early in the third period generated another two-goal lead on snipes from Alex Litwin and the eventual game winner by Erin Little.

Timmins never gave up and scored on a power play with their goalie pulled late in the third period. The girls were able to keep their composure and battled the Timmins team, keeping them from scoring another goal to tie it up and send the game into over-time. Great weekend ladies bringing home the gold!

## Tykes win 6-1

Saturday, Jan. 15 the Highland Storm Tyke team travelled to Fenelon Falls for their first tournament of the year.

The puck dropped at 10:30 a.m. against Barrie. Our Tykes were victorious with a 6-1 win. Having back-to-back games our kids laced up their skates, being down in the second our kids battled hard to come back with a 4-3 win against Sturgeon Lake.

With two wins, this put the kids in the A finals. With great effort from all the kids and amazing goal tending by Tyler Wilson we won 6-1.

Congrats to all the kids. Keep up the great work!  
*Submitted by the parents of Highland Storm Tykes*

## Rockets beat Jets

The Wilberforce Rockets defeated the Bancroft Jets in a game on Sunday, Jan. 16. The final score was 8-3 for the Wilberforce team.

## Peewee AEs hold on to first spot

Randys Tree Care and Landscaping Peewee AEs held onto their first place spot in their division heading into the playoffs. Our first playoff game is Saturday, Jan. 22 at 4 p.m. in Haliburton against Port Carling it will be the best two out of three as Port Carling is in last place in our division. We will play them again Saturday, Jan. 29 in Port Carling and then if necessary Sunday, Jan. 30 at 2:30 p.m. in Minden.

# HHSS sports briefs

*The following HHSS sports briefs were compiled by Judi Paul's class.*

## Jan. 8 and 9

The boys' Red Hawk hockey team defeated many of the top AAA teams in Ontario to win the large, 42-team, Peterborough St. Peter's Classic Tournament. The Hawks defeated teams from Georgetown and London to advance to the final against Mowat from Scarborough. A strong defensive effort from all team members resulted in a 3-0 championship win. The win marks the first time in Red Hawk history that the team has won this prestigious tournament.

The senior boys' basketball team travelled to Bracebridge for two games against AAA teams. The Hawks defeated Bracebridge MuskokaLakes High School 52-42 with 18 points from Luke Watson, 12 points from Damon Flatman, 11 points from Jesse Walker and eight points from Caleb Zilla.

In the second game versus Park Street of Orillia, the Hawks carried a lead into the fourth quarter, but fell 37-34. Luke Watson had 17 points and Chris Allison had 8 points.

## Jan. 11

The boys' Red Hawk Hockey team won a squeaker 3-2 against their AAA rivals, the I.E. Weldon Wildcats in Kawartha league play.

The Red Hawk girls' hockey team was defeated by a talented Campbellford team despite peppering the opposition's goalie in the last two periods. Julia Fedeski scored the Hawks single goal.

## Jan. 12

The senior girls' volleyball team travelled to Weldon where strong play kept the score to a five-point loss in both sets against Weldon and only a two-point loss against AAA Fenelon Falls.

## Jan. 13

The Lady Hawks hockey team were challenged by an aggressive and talented "Thunder" squad from St. Mary's who kept them off the score sheet.

The senior boys' basketball team is to be congratulated on a 44-36 victory over the AAA LCVI Spartans. This win moves the Hawks into a second place tie with LCVI in league play. Jesse Lefebvre notched 14 points, Luke Watson had 12 points, Damon Flatman popped nine points, and Jesse Walker had six points.

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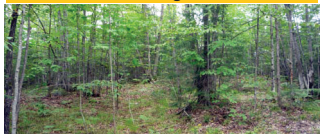


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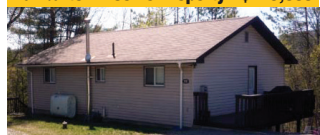
**Haliburton Building Lot \$44,900**



2+ acres in an area of nice homes on the edge of Haliburton. Driveway is installed and the building site is cleared, there is even an extra entrance cleared and permitted. Hydro, phone and high speed internet at the lot line. This is a great opportunity to build the home of your dreams with privacy and great access via year round municipal road.

Anne Moulton 286-2138 x 24

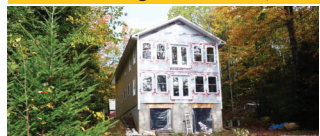
**Haliburton Income Property \$219,000**



Clean and tidy Duplex consists of two separate 1200 square foot, 2 bedroom apartments. Many recent upgrades. Great income opportunity!

Andrew Hodgson 286-2138 x 29

**Beautiful Crego Lake \$275,000**



Large, two storey vacation home waiting for the right person to bring to completion. Excellent privacy, motor restricted lake with shared ownership of 600 acres of conservation lands. Call for further details.

Tom Ecclestone 286-2138 x 26

**The Quarry - \$319,900**



Stothart Creek! Another elegant 2-storey custom home, 1826 square feet, to be built on Lot 9; maintenance free exterior, geothermal, stonework optional, Plus HST applicable.

Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52

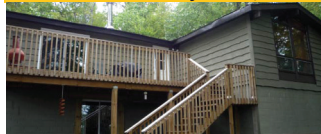
**31 acres/2 bldgs/C1Rural \$109,900**



Meander through large wooded acreage w/ waterfall & stream. Right in Minden! Two separate homes! One is a cedar panabode exterior and the other a bungalow. Separate driveways!

Janice Brookes 457-2128 x 22

**Year Round Viceroy \$339,000**



This gem features 155' frontage on Minnick Lake, great privacy, fantastic views from the recently built deck & unfinished basement with walk-out. Just 15 minutes from Haliburton & easy year round access.

Wilfred VanLieshout 457-2128 x 27

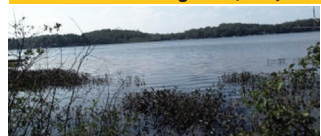
**Family Starter Cottage \$239,000**



A great way to start cottage life. 4 bdrm cottage on flat lot offers sandy beach at front deck. Nicely treed lot, clean, quiet smaller lake. Year round road allows for skiing and snowmobiling possibilities

Dagmar Boettcher 489-9968

**South Lake Building Lot \$275,000**



Wow! 390' of waterfront on 2 acre level lot. N/W exposure for those great summer sunsets. Just minutes from Minden. Owner will even build to suit. Buy now and start building in the spring.

Tom Wilkinson 286-2138 x 25

**Cranberry Lake \$379,900**



Fantastic opportunity minutes from the ski hill. This 3+1 bdrm waterfront home/cottage oozes comfort and charm. Open concept, vaulted ceilings, spa room, screened room, finished rec. room, double car garage and more. Call for further details.

Drew Bishop 457-2128 x 23

**Irondale Oasis \$294,000**



600 ft riverfront, 12 ft swimming hole, 1300 s.f. raised bungalow with 3 large bdrms all on over 5 acres just minutes east of Kinmount. Full unfinished basement, sunroom and sauna. Furnace Falls is 2 minutes away.

Dagmar Boettcher 489-9968

**Won't Last Long! \$104,000**



Great starter home or rental property with 2 bdrm, 4 pc bath and a cabin/storage shed. In Haliburton village and walking distance to all amenities.

Mark Dennys 457-2128 x 30

**Sweet & Affordable \$149,000**



Value Filled home w/3 spacious bdrms, Din. Rm, Lrg. LIV Rm, laundry, 4 Season Sunroom (currently used as 4th BDRM) w/WO to deck. Mun. Water, Septic & FAO Furnace. Level corner lot.

Karen Nimigon 457-2128 x 29

**Sunsets Over Gull Lake \$449,000**



Of course it isn't all about the view, direct western exposure high above Gull Lake. Or the beautiful pine finishings, the cedar guest bunkie or the extreme privacy. Think about totally turn-key, good shoreline and year round use and access. Actually, better to call for more details

Tom Ecclestone 286-2138 x 26

**2 Bedroom Bungalow \$149,900**



Maintenance free vinyl clad exterior siding and windows, large living room, Kitchen/Dinette with newer cabinets & patio door out to large deck. Full high unfinished basement. Immediate possession.

Erin Nicholls 457-2128 x 34

**Miskwabi Area Cottage \$149,999**



This 3 Bedroom cottage very close to public access to Miskwabi Lake is in great condition and completely turn key. Large private 1 acre lot stretches into the hardwood forest. Close to snowmobile trails.

Andrew Hodgson 286-2138 x 29

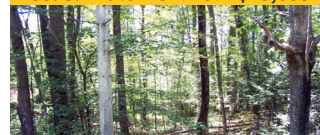
**Long Lake \$99,900**



Affordable waterfront lot on fantastic 2-lake chain (Long/Miskwabi). 110' frontage, nice clean shoreline, deep water. Elevated lot with sunset view. Driveway & dock, year round Municipal road.

Susanne James & Andy Mosher 457-2128 x 33

**Deeded Waterfront Lot \$28,500**



Year round with hydro and telephone. Benefits of waterfront ownership without the large price tag. Excellent fishing and swimming on Wenona Lake.

Andrea Wilson 457-2128 x 25

**Haliburton Home \$121,900**



Excellent opportunity to own your own home right in Haliburton village. 2 beds, 1 bath, large country kitchen, large rec room in basement, granite siding, porch. Great value!

Greg Stamp 457-2128 x 28

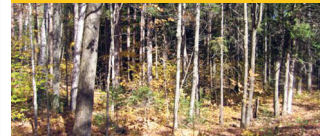
**Beautiful Cedar Lake \$329,000**



This terrific 2+ bedroom cottage features 2 bathrooms and a main floor laundry on a great level lot with easy access and wonderful sunset views.

David Lee 286-2138 x 27

**Almost Waterfront \$94,900**



Great building lot with public water access just across the road. Fabulous views plus swimming and boating on prestigious Kashagawigamog Lake chain. Lot is nicely wooded and gently sloped suitable for building sites.

John Hincks 286-2138 x 50

**Miskwabi Lake \$869,000**



Large private lot, great shoreline, impeccable timberframe cottage with gourmet kitchen, 2 fireplaces, 4 bedrooms, 2baths, great 2 lake chain.

Derrell & Kim Stamp 457-2128 x 24

**Soyers Lake Estate \$1,590,000**



Prestigious 4600 sq. ft. residence with 220 feet of gorgeous shoreline and 20 acres of hardwood forest on Haliburton's most sought after 5-lake chain.

Deborah Deremo 457-2128 x 58

**Little Hawk Lake \$299,000**



Boat Little & Big Hawk Lakes from this beautiful completely furnished cottage also comes with a 2 bedroom bunkie, chalet & workshop. Bonus - 4 boats & 2 canoes!

Ed Gibbons 286-2138 x 28

**Carnarvon Home and Acreage \$349,900**



Well maintained 3 bedroom 2 bathroom home of 1868 s.f. on 100 acres near Carnarvon. Newer septic, metal roof, drilled well, separate insulated workshop or studio with own septic and propane heat.

Lee Gauthier 489-9968

**Timberframe on 3 Acres \$269,900**



Large 3 BR home with granite wood burning fireplace, propane fireplace, large kitchen garage & large storage shed. Large pond with dock for swimming or fishing.

Tom Gardner 286-2128 x 30



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